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**STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR
CLAIM CHANGES UNDER 37 CFR 1.173 (C)**

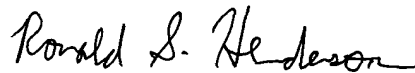
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Sir:

Status of all claims is as follows: patented claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1 and 12 are amended. Claim 1 is amended to add the phrase "the width being substantially uniform along the length of each of said portions." Claim 12 is amended to add the phrase "having a length longer than the length of the scalpel and said instrument recess" so that a portion of claim 12 reads "said instrument recess having a length longer than the length of the scalpel and said instrument recess being closed at each end and adapted to receive said scalpel." Support for these clauses in claims 1 and 12 can be found by referring to Figs. 1 and 1a and by noting the shape of recesses 18, 19.

Respectfully submitted,

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OFFER TO SURRENDER ORIGINAL PATENT GRANT

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Sir:

The undersigned, inventor for the accompanying application for the reissue of U.S. Letters Patent No. 6,065,596, for CONTAINER FOR SHARP INSTRUMENTS, issued on May 23, 2000, of which I am the sole owner, and on whose behalf the accompanying application is made, hereby offers to surrender said Letters Patent.

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